FLOOR SWEEP ASSEMBLY FOR A GRAIN DRYER HAVING SUPPORT MEMBERS AND WIPERS WHICH ARE SPACED APART FROM EACH OTHER BY SPACING MEMBERS AT INTERSECTIONS FORMED THEREBETWEEN

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Cross reference is made to copending U.S. patent applications Serial No. 08/______ (Attorney Docket No. 1571-0001), entitled "Floor Sweep Assembly for a Grain Dryer having Primary Support Members and Ancillary Support Members which Form a Number of Intersections with a Wiper" by Terry L. McKenzie, Paul W. Peterson, and Wesley L. Peterson, and Serial No. 08/______ (Attorney Docket No. 1571-0003), entitled "Grain Dryer having Motor for Rotating Floor Sweep Assembly which is Mounted Above Cooling Floor" by Terry L. McKenzie, Paul W. Peterson, and Wesley L. Peterson, and Serial No. 08/______ (Attorney Docket No. 1571-0004), entitled "Wiper for a Floor Sweep Assembly of a Grain Dryer which includes Ultra-High Molecular Weight Resin which Contacts Grain and Grain Shelf Floor During Rotation Thereof" by Terry L. McKenzie, Paul W. Peterson, and Wesley L. Peterson, all of which are assigned to the same assignee as the present invention, and all of which are filed concurrently herewith.

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to grain dryers which utilize heated air to reduce the moisture content of harvested grain such as corn, beans, wheat, and oats.

In order to store grain for a long period of time, it is necessary to dry the grain to a condition in which it is less subject to molding or other deterioration. Accordingly, numerous types of grain dryers have heretofore been designed which possess a number of grain flow channels defined between a pair of perforated walls. Grain is advanced through these grain flow channels while at